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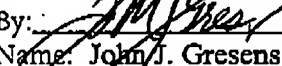
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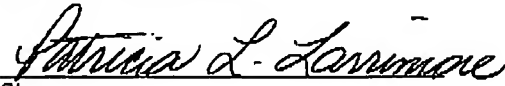
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on October 25, 2004, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the application on the merits. Claims 1-13 remain pending in the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.